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*If you have any suggestions for the chapter or this newsletter, please forward them to the Secretary, Mary Bedrick
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In order for TechFest 2007 to be a success, we need you to help out. Please volunteer to man the booth or by suggesting a cool hands-on experiment.

Minutes from 4 January 2007 Meeting

AMS Wright Memorial Chapter meeting of 4 January 2007

Meeting of Chapter with Dr. Karen Kowalewsky, President.

Roush's Restaurant – Fairborn, Ohio

Annual AMS Meeting

The Annual AMS meeting will be held 14-18 January in San Antonio, TX. We discussed the poster we will display as part of the Local Chapter presentations. We decided to post our recent newsletters along with our chapter poster. Our chapter will be represented at the Chapter Officers' Breakfast.



TechFest 2007

Thanks to everyone who has submitted questions and answers for our TechFest 2007 pamphlet.

The list of questions/answers for the TechFest pamphlet was reviewed at the meeting. People have been very enthusiastic with their answers, not always keeping in mind our audience (the biggest part of those in attendance are those in grades 1 through 8). It is

obvious that some editing of the dissertation-like answers will need to be completed before the document is published. Ten questions/answers from the list were identified to be used on the poster display for TechFest.

We are still in search of a presentation/experiment for TechFest. We will most likely be located where we were last year (in front of the water fall), making experiments dealing with static electricity a bad idea (we have learned from our mistakes).

TECHFEST 2007 CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We will **need several volunteers** for TechFest 2007. We will staff the following shifts (preferably 2 people per shift):

- 2/16 or 2/17 – Setup 8 am – 10 am
- 2/17 – morning shift – 10 am – 2 pm
- 2/17 – afternoon shift – 2 pm – 6 pm
- 2/18 – morning shift – 11 am – 2 pm
- 2/18 – afternoon shift – 2 pm – 5 pm
- 2/18 – tear down – 5 pm – 6 pm

We will also need people to volunteer use of laptops for TechFest. We will need one laptop per shift. It will need to continuously run a PowerPoint Presentation from CD.

Your dues go to pay for good stuff like prizes in local Science Fairs and our chapter poster at the Annual Meeting.

Please contact Mary Bedrick (mary.bedrick@wpafb.af.mil) with your preference of shifts, ideas for hands on experiments, and whether or not you can bring along a laptop.

Financials/Dues

Members voted to expend funds for copying of the pamphlet for TechFest and for creating posters for display. Current treasury balance is \$436.19.

Attendees

Karen Kowalewsky, President	Paul Gehred, Vice President
Allison Schauer, Treasurer	Mary Bedrick, Secretary
Ed Blish	Jamie Jarosik
Bonnie Lotter	Ron Rodney
Doug Kronk	Scott Hausman
Rick Clark	

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be held at 5:45 pm on 8 February 2007. Jamie Jarosik has arranged a tour of the Channel 2 Weather Center. Check the e-mail for details and directions.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January

14-18 January 2007 – AMS Annual Meeting – San Antonio, TX
<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/annual/index.html>

February

8 February 2007 – AMS Meeting – 6pm. TBA
17-18 February 2007 – TechFest 2007 – Sinclair Ponitz Center, Dayton OH.
<http://www.ascd Dayton.org/TechFest2007/Announcement.pdf>

March

8 March 2007 – AMS Meeting – 11:30. TBA

April

5 April 2007 – AMS Meeting – 6pm. TBA. Nominees for 2007-08 Wright Memorial Chapter Officers presented to membership.

May

10 May 2007 – AMS Meeting – 11:30. TBA. Election of 2007-08 Wright Memorial Chapter Officers.

From the National AMS

Renewal of your Annual AMS Membership

There's never been a more exciting time to be a member of the AMS!

Nearly 1000 professionals, students, and weather enthusiasts joined the AMS in 2005 because they believed that their annual dues was a smart investment. And I think that you and your fellow chapter members will too. Here are a few reasons why:

Bulletin of the AMS (BAMS)

BAMS, the flagship AMS publication, contains news on Society activities and programs, interdisciplinary peer-reviewed articles, membership news, conference information and summaries, book reviews, and more. Members tell us that they

If you are interested in joining the National AMS, check out the applications for National Membership at:

<http://www.ametsoc.org/emb/apps/index.html>

Membership in the National AMS is not required for membership in the Wright Memorial Chapter of the AMS.

have never enjoyed reading BAMS as much as they do now – often reading it straight through from cover to cover. Visit the AMS Web site at www.ametsoc.org to view a list of recent articles.

Weatherwise magazine

By agreement with Heldref, the publishers of Weatherwise, AMS members can now subscribe to this exciting magazine at a discounted price. Written for a general audience, Weatherwise offers a non-technical look at the latest discoveries in meteorology and climatology. The magazine's annual Photo Contest is a breathtaking gallery of prize-winning photography. Check out the Weatherwise Web site at www.weatherwise.org to view the latest table of contents.

Special access to our new Career Center online Use our new Career Center

(<http://www.ametsoc.org/careercenter/index.html>) to create an online resume, view available jobs, and manage your career search online. Our database of resumes lists AMS members first and only AMS members have exclusive viewing rights to the newest job postings!

Great benefits for Associate Members

Our Associate Member benefits package (http://www.ametsoc.org/MEMB/assocandteachers_membbenefits.html) includes a subscription to either BAMS or Weatherwise, substantial discounts on journal subscriptions and meeting registration fees, access to information for members only, and much more. Annual dues are just \$55 per year.

If you or any of your fellow chapter members do not belong to the Society, I invite you to give AMS membership a try. Our Associate Member category is open to any person regardless of educational or professional background and is an excellent way for weather enthusiasts to become a part of the Society. Our full Member category is intended for individuals that have a science degree or have completed a minimum amount of coursework in meteorology (refer to our Web site at <http://www.ametsoc.org/MEMB/classif.html> for specific requirements).

Members enjoy full voting privileges and the highest member discount on journal subscriptions and meeting registration rates.

Applying for membership in the Society has never been easier. Simply visit our Web site at www.ametsoc.org and complete an application online or download an application from <http://www.ametsoc.org/MEMB/apps/index.html>. If you'd like to receive copies of the membership application by mail, our Member Services department is available by email at amsmem@ametsoc.org or by phone to 617-227-2425 to assist you.

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Beth Farley
Director, Member Services
American Meteorological Society

Did you know?

No subscription is needed to gain full access to all articles more than 5 years

General Information and Details about the Annual Meeting can be found at

<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/annual/generalinfo.html>

Applications and additional information on the CCM Program may be found on the AMS Web site at

<http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/index.html>



old from any AMS journal!

That's right, AMS journal content older than 5 years is free and open to everyone.

Simply go to the AMS Web site at www.ametsoc.org, click on "publications" and follow the links to the "Search AMS Journals online" and then "Available Publications."

AMS Annual Meeting

Everyone attending the 87th AMS Annual Meeting must register and wear a badge. On-line registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, 16 January 2007.

Confirmation of registration is sent once the form has been processed. Refunds (less a \$25 processing fee) are granted only for cancellations received before 29 December 2006.

Registration information available at:

<http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/annual/registrationandrates.html>

Certified Consulting Meteorologist (CCM) Program

2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the CCM Program and to mark this milestone, the National AMS has declared it "The Year of the CCM." To date, more than 600 individuals have gained the prestigious CCM designation.

A CCM is an individual who has demonstrated the highest standards of knowledge, experience and character within their specialties in the atmospheric sciences. Designed as a public service by the National AMS, the CCM Program identifies those individuals who are deemed exceptionally qualified to provide advice and guidance, whether within the public or private sectors, or to the public at large.

Forecast Contest

January Forecast Contest

With the next meeting 8 February, Groundhog Day will have come and gone. Your task, if you chose to accept it is to predict the following conditions in Punxsutawney PA at 730AM, the time the ground hog comes out of its hole.*

* Since Punxsutawney does not have an observation, we will use Pittsburgh PA to verify. If there is no observation taken between 7AM and 8AM, I will average out the 7AM and 8AM observations to get the final answer.

Predict the following: Temperature, Wind speed in knots, Sky cover, Precipitation, Fog

See our website for more details (<http://www.ametsoc.org/chapters/wrightmem>) and the official form. Send your forecasts to John Turnbull via mail (799 Spinning Rd. Dayton OH 45431) or via email to john.turnbull@wpafb.af.mil by **January 20, 2007**.

December 2006 Results

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We're on the Web!

www.ametsoc.org/chapters/wrightmem/index.html

Attention Shutterbugs –
More pictures wanted
for our Picture of the
Month section. Send
submissions to:
mary.bedrick@wpafb.af.
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O R K P A N A L W T D C O D M T S

ACTUAL	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Lutz	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	100
Bedrick	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	12	85
Turnbull	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	12	85
Marx	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	70
Schauer	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	9	55
Hausman	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	9	55
Kronk	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	8	40	
Nolte	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	25	
Gehred	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	7	25	
Jarosik	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	10	

Year to Date Results

	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Mary Bedrick	87	85	172
Greg Marx	74	70	144
John Turnbull	55	85	140
Kurt Lutz	35	100	135
Scott Hausman	55	55	110
Kirk Lehnies	100	--	100
Allison Schauer	--	55	55
Paul Gehred	22	25	47
Doug Kronk	--	40	40
William Nolte	--	25	25
Jamie Jarosik	--	10	10
George Schewe	9	--	9

Picture of the Month



Photograph by
George
Schewe.
Cumulonimbus
Mammatus.
Ripley County,
Indiana.
Spring, 2006.